

Copenhagen
(sufficient address)
September 7 1921

Mrs Eva Ingersoll Swasey

My dear Mrs. Ingersoll Swasey
You flatter me highly in wishing some lines
from my head, honoring your great father.
I dare say without exaggeration that since
long times it was my own wish to
have an occasion or opportunity to express
my feelings for him.

In his mind common sense rose to
genius.

Will you permit me to quote a
few sentences which have struck me with
admiration. He has written:

"No one has ever been persecuted by the
Church for believing God bad, while hundreds
of millions have been destroyed for thinking
him good."

He has written :

Religion has not civilized man; man has
civilized religion. God improves, as man
advances.

And he has said :

After all, the real question is not
whether the Bible is inspired, but whether
it is true. If it is true, it does not
need to be inspired. The multiplication
table is just as useful, just as true, as
though God had arranged the figures
himself."

Would, I had myself written
something so evident.

George Brandes

49. BRANDES, GEORGE M. (1842 - 1927 Danish literary critic, historian and author) 2p. A.L.S. to Mrs. Eva Ingersoll Swasey, granddaughter of Robert Ingersoll.

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States Brandes' feelings for Robert Ingersoll in part as follows: "In his mind common sense rose to genius". He quotes Ingersoll: "Religion has not civilized man; man has civilized religion; God improves as man advances...After all, it is not whether the Bible is inspired, but whether the Bible is true".; Remarkable letter with many other Ingersoll quotes.

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